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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD.

PLANT QUARANTINE DECISION No. 12.

The Federal Horticultural Board recommends that the fifth paragraph of Regulation 2 and all of Regulation 6 of the Regulations Governing the Importation of Potatoes into the United States, promulgated in revised form December 8, 1915, effective January 1, 1916, be amended to establish the following procedure in the case of importations from the Dominion of Canada in lieu of the method of entry therein provided.

ENTRY OF POTATOES FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

The invoice of shipment of each consignment of potatoes must be accompanied by two copies of a certificate of soundness, signed by the shipper, certifying that the potatoes are as sound as is commercially practicable, and that the shipment contains not more than 10 per cent of potatoes showing traces of scab, dry rot, wilt, or other potato diseases, taken altogether.

STANDARDS OF SOUNDNESS.

In the case of scab, all potatoes will be counted scabby which show two or more distinct scab spots. In the case of dry rot, all potatoes will be counted which clearly show decay. Wilt infection will be counted when it shows as a deep internal browning at the stem end.

METHOD OF ENTRY.

One copy of the shipper's certificate of soundness will be delivered to the collector of customs, to be filed with the entry papers, and the other will accompany the shipment to final destination. The importer's or broker's report required by Regulation 6 of the Regulations (see form appended to the Regulations) will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture through the collector of customs.

Unless the collector of customs shall be notified by the Federal Horticultural Board or by one of its authorized inspectors to hold the shipment for inspection the potatoes shall be permitted entry, so far as the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture is concerned, upon the receipt by the collector of customs of the importer's or broker's report and the shipper's certificate of soundness.

The Department of Agriculture reserves the right to reject any shipment and to revoke existing permits or to refuse new permits as to shippers who fail to give the correct origin of their potatoes or whose potatoes are found to exceed the amount of disease stated in the shipper's certificate of soundness.

FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD,
C. L. MARLATT, *Chairman.*

Approved:

FRANCIS G. CAFFEY,
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D. F. HOUSTON,
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WASHINGTON, D. C., *November 25, 1916.*